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I went to a meeting this morning at the Palais de Chaillot of the Directing Committee of EDC. The first matter discussed was the draft of an agreement for association between the U.K. and the EDC. I had read it previously and it seemed to me to represent [redacted] great concessions on the part of the British. It should prove satisfactory to the French Socialist Party, who have made such an agreement a pre-condition to their voting for ratification of EDC. It is still in draft form and will have to be altered in some particulars. The British prefer [redacted] it be a unilateral declaration but as all the representatives of the six nations are in favor of its being a multilateral document Hoyer-Millar promised to ask his Government to gratify their wishes.

We had a lunch today for Elsa Maxwell, Henri Bernstein, Odile and Antoine de Guiche, Phil Sprouse, Yvonne and Charles Mendl and Kitty Herrick.

Guy de Carmoy and André Visson came this afternoon for a further talk about Guy's book.

Walter Hallstein came down from Germany today to see me with various messages from the Chancellor. One of the things they want is for the Chancellor to send a special message (via Blankenhorn) to President Eisenhower regarding the present situation of West versus East as the Chancellor sees it. I told Hallstein [redacted] I thought this should be dealt with by Jim Conant and I sent a telegram to Conant, with a copy to the Department, which I hope will get across what the Chancellor wants done without my seeming to have involved myself in an affair which properly pertains to the High Commissioner's office in Germany.

I had a long and [redacted] interesting conversation with Hallstein [redacted] on a [redacted] number of topics.

Ex-Prime Minister Pinay came to see me. He wanted to talk about a visit by him to the United States. We finally decided it would be best if he postponed

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it until the month of September. He is emphatic about the need for a strong government in France and a reform of the Constitution. He also said [redacted] he would continue to stand firm in advocating the ratification of the EDC Treaty and [redacted] he would like to see it concluded as quickly as possible.

We dined at the Alphands tonight in honor of Georges Bidault, who did not, however, appear because of the Governmental crisis.

Mendès-France is to give his decision today as to whether he will seek investiture as Prime Minister.

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